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The Whatcote Village News

Hello again! Hope you are well and keeping warm (Spring is here, at least that's what the calendar tells us but somehow we've one or two reservations).

Sadly we've lost Ann Day and also Maureen Raybould in the past few weeks. Both are long term Whatcote villagers and will be missed by us all. Our sympathies and best wishes to their families and friends.

As always, please do check out our website:

(www.whatcotevillage.co.uk).



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EDITORIAL...

A warm welcome to the Village News, once again. We're certainly looking forward to Springtime as, I expect, are you...and the lambs, goats, cows etc. who collectively make up the rest of the Whatcote electorate.

I think I mentioned a few episodes back that I'm hanging up my editorial hat this December — life is very busy at the moment and I will have finished two years. I'll carry on as Parish Clerk and of course maintaining the website with Liz. I very much hope that someone here will step forward and carry on the News—do let me know.

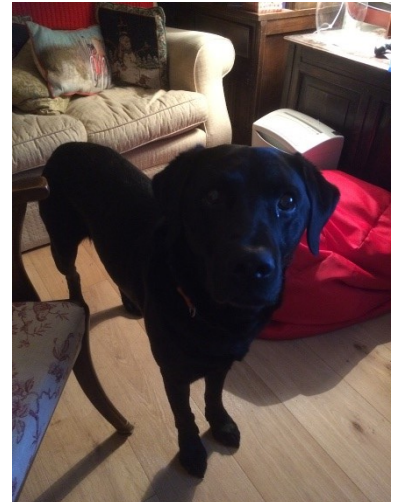
Separately, you'll hopefully have seen that it's the Parish AGM on the 30th April at 7:30pm in the Community Centre St Peter's Church. Do come along and have your say about things in the village. We had a good turnout last time and with such things as the proposed underground Metro link up between Whatcote and Oxhill, twinning with Bree and the astonishing revelation that in fact Whatcote might originally have been named "Lower Idlicote", there's quite a bit to discuss.

Freddie is well and starting to moult quite a bit...and I see that he has a letter from Harriet, a well-known local Goose:

"Dear Freddie, should I upgrade to Windows 10? I hear it's well integrated with Office 365"

"Dear Harriet, yes I think that's a good idea. I have Windows 10 on a couple of my computers at home. It does work well with 365 but, now Spring is here, I shall be probably leave it for the time being a spend more time digging up the garden (gardening, I should say)"

"To The Royal Oak, my friends, for verily I say we've had enough of this winter most foul and it's about time we rang in the Spring" (uncredited, another possible out take by W Shakespeare)



NEWS
FROM THE
DEANERY
APRIL 2018

April, of course, begins this year with Easter Day: so, may you know the joy of the resurrected life in Jesus Christ this Easter.

Easter is a time when early Christians were baptised, so it is appropriate that soon after Easter, on Sunday April 15th Bishop Christopher will be conducting a Deanery Confirmation Service at Long Compton at 5.00pm.

At the beginning of May, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby is visiting the Diocese for a few days, to mark both the Centenary of the Diocese, and also the quarter Centenary, 25 years, since his own ordination as priest.

Justin was of course ordained in Coventry diocese, and served here for many years, as curate, vicar and Canon for Reconciliation. As part of the celebration, everyone is invited to come to all or part of a Centenary Festival with the Archbishop at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 5th. There is also an invitation, especially to younger adults and teenagers, to bring a friend to an evangelistic event and hog roast over in Southam deanery on the Thursday evening, May 3rd. Full details will be available over the coming weeks.

Finally, Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Day, and there will be a special Deanery Communion Service for Ascension Day at Preston-on-Stour at 7.30 pm that evening. Weather permitting, we always aim to start outdoors, and Rev Canon Christopher Lamb will be preaching that evening.

A Prayer for Easter Day:

“On this morning
let us see you
in every stranger;
let us hear you
in the whispered
hopes of hungry children;
let us welcome you
into our empty hearts”



Thom M Shuman, Lead me into life with you **Every blessing, Rev Jill Tucker**

TYSOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tysoe Church of England Primary School

We celebrated World Book Day later than planned because of all the snow! The children had a dress-up day as book characters which was popular, including with the teachers too! Recently The Friends gave over £2000 to buy a new reading scheme which has been well-received, especially the graphic novels and non-fiction books.

As part of this focus on reading, we held a Book Fair and any commission earned will supplement the new scheme. The feedback at School Council was all very enthusiastic.

Year 3 children spent a whole day immersed in the Vikings, led by the Longship Trading Company. They looked at artefacts, dressed up and listened to stories of the Vikings and their gods. Everyone was so excited and it was a fantastic way to learn history. The children all had different favourite parts, a sign of a good day!

Success in sport has continued with a team of eighteen swimmers from Willow Class taking part in the Shipston Swimming Gala. The Year 5 relay team won their race and there were also another five first places achieved by children in a variety of strokes including butterfly. As a new venture, children have chosen to join a yoga club to learn stretches and to begin relaxation exercises.

Pupils who learn guitar and drumming with our music teacher, Mr Dibbens, gave a concert which showed just how talented they are. They performed a wide range of items: groups playing on drums, soloists on the full drum kit, guitar ensembles with singers and strummers. Mr Dibbens inspires the children to get involved in music, including rock! It was a most enjoyable performance and had everyone clapping to the beat.

Prospective parents are always welcome to visit, just contact the office on 01295-680244. **Jenny Coates, Head of School**

The Parish AGM on the 30th April at 7:30pm in the Community Centre St Peter's Church and the Whatcote Village Association AGM will be held following the Parish Meeting AGM on 30th April at around 8:30pm!

ST PETER'S CHURCH
ANNUAL VESTRY
AND ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING

The meeting took place on Sunday 18th March. (Due to unforeseen circumstances, The Rev. George Heigh-ton was unable to attend).

The Vice-Chairman Mr. Philip Wreford took the meeting.

Mr. Philip Wreford was elected to serve as sole Churchwarden for the coming year. Mrs. Sue Price after serving for over thirty years as a Churchwarden has retired.

A vote of thanks was recorded to her for the support and work during this time. However, as Churchwardens are ex officio to the Parochial Church Council, Sue will serve as a full member of the Council along with Mrs. Audrey Caiger, Miss Elizabeth Searle, Mrs. Helen Price and Mrs. June Wreford.

With thanks. June Wreford Secretary to PCC



Planning Matters...

18/00216/FUL Upper Farm for a single storey extension to garage has been approved



What an interesting month weather wise! The snow was fortunately brief and dry so the orchard did not suffer any damage but the buds on the fruit trees certainly stayed put in the bitter cold. The rain was plentiful but not too bad as the soil is very free draining and the winds did not wreak havoc on the trees!

March heralded a very busy time as we try to complete all the soft fruit pruning, weeding and feeding round the fruit trees and doing the initial spraying for fungal and aphid infestations. With over 180 trees that is a lot of work and some of it will spill over into April, mainly the soft fruit feeding and weeding.

April heralds the early blossom which always lifts the spirits but makes us wary of frosts, the openness of the site does lead to sharp temperature drops and we have lost plenty of blossom in the past. But as most of the trees are now well established they can withstand a lot more harsh weather.

The windbreak trees are growing well and are bushing out so will help to break some of the gusts that sweep off the hills and across the orchard. They will not be allowed to grow too tall but will provide protection and habitat for birds and wildlife. We have seen such an increase in biodiversity since we started at the orchard and hopefully we can encourage even more species.

Lots to do so why not come and help us? We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working, weather permitting, on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Members also share in the fruit we produce!

Contact one of us for more information

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

Village Get Together

Following on from last year's successful get together we will be do it again on **Saturday June 16th from 4:00pm on the village green**. Format will be the same so bring your own food and drink and there will be BBQs to cook on. If you need tables and chairs please bring your own. We will hopefully have the tent and the same brilliant weather we had last year



Breakfast with Tiffany

Another great breakfast in the community Centre St Peter's Church on **Saturday 14th April from 9:30am**. Come and enjoy

Bacon bap, Sausage baps, Toast and marmalade, Tea and coffee, Tombola.....and of course, lots of laughter and chats!!

More things to do!

In aid of St David's Church Newbold-on-Stour with Armscote

Saturday 26th May 10 am – 12.30 pm Newbold Plant Sale, St David's Churchyard Great Variety! Great value ! Tombola Refreshments Produce Stall Plant donations greatly appreciated

Please contact Gilly Marsden 01789 459168 or deliver to Church on Friday 25th May 3 – 7 p.m.

Stour Singers, Exuberance and Serenity

Richard Emms' choir, Stour Singers, brings two glorious and contrasting works to Shipston in their May concert: John Rutter's exuberant "Magnificat", and Gabriel Faure's serene "Requiem".

On **Saturday May 12th at 7.30.p.m.** in St. Edmund's Church, returning soloists Ruth Holton (soprano) and Robert Rice (baritone), and the accomplished Queen's Park Sinfonia join the choir to perform these two beautiful choral pieces. Rutter's "Magnificat" is full of rhythmic exuberance and an immediate sense of celebration, with truly memorable tunes. First performed in 1990, it was premiered in the UK a year later at Coventry Cathedral.

...and even more (do keep an eye on the website for updates)

Inspired by J.S. Bach's "Magnificat", it includes a moving setting of a 15th century poem – "Of A Rose". Faure's Requiem, composed in the late 19th century over a protracted period has many thrilling moments, and leaves us with a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity in its concluding piece "In Paradisum", truly evoking concepts of paradise.

This promises to be a very special evening, and tickets, costing £12.50 are available from R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, from choir members, and at the door. There is no charge to accompanied children.

Yvonne Ridley, on 01789 269587, would be pleased to respond to any enquiries.



Kineton Art Group Exhibition May 2018

Kineton Art Group is holding 30th Anniversary Art Exhibition and Sale of paintings in Kineton Village Hall on **Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2018 from 10.00 am to 5.00pm.**

Adults: 50p Children: free.

Last May we had a record number of entries- over 230 works of art. All the pictures on display are original. They include work in a variety of media and depict a wide range of subjects. Most is for sale. Relaxing live music and refreshments



of homemade cakes and tea/coffee are served all day. A short quiz raises donations for the charity 'Painting for Pleasure.' The afternoon group which started last May has proved highly successful.

We are celebrating the club's 30th anniversary. It continues to flourish and membership is at an all time high.

Excellent news, I'm delighted! (Ed)





And it's farewell
again from
me ...until the
next episode so
stay tuned

THE WRITE STUFF

Any contributions to the Village News are always welcome although the Editor reserves the right to amend or edit them. Don't be upset if I forget to add your article—a gentle email reminder or two will ensure extra coverage in the next edition. Please contact Will Payne at whatcotevil-lage@gmail.com

Equally, if you would like a digital copy, do let me know—saves paper, ink...and walking!



Pictures on pages 9 and 10 Liz and Penny, Snowy Village, Orchard and Deer Friends

Here's a few (possibly very) useful contact numbers:

- Stratford District Council: 01789 267575
- The Royal Oak, Whatcote: 01295 688100
- Tysoe Village Stores: 01295 688333
- Tysoe Post Office: 01295 680632
- Whatcote In No Way Secret Underground Bunker (switchboard): 0368 1003585
- Whatcote to Oxhill Metro Alliance Project Office: 1-800 ZIPPY
- CBSO: 0121 616 6500
- MET Office: 0370 900 0100



Services at St Peter's Church Whatcote

April			
8th	9.15am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
15th	6.30pm	Evensong	Canon Jill Tucker
22 nd	9.15am	Holy Communion	Canon Jill Tucker
29 th	11.00am	Holy Communion for all the Churches St. Georges Brailes	South Feldon Group
May			
6th Rogation Sunday	9.15am	Holy Communion Said	Rev. G. Heighton
13th	9.15am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
20th	6.30pm	Evensong	Canon G. Warner
27th	9.15am	Holy Communion	Canon J. Tucker
June			
3rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	Canon J. Tucker
10th	9.15am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
17th	6.30pm	Evensong	Canon J. Tucker
24th	9.15am	Holy Communion	Rev. G. Heighton